

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
AT GREENEVILLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
)
v.) NO. 2:04-CR-70
)
MARIO GRAVES)

ORDER

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 455(a), the undersigned District Judge **FINDS** that his impartiality in presiding over this defendant's case might reasonably come into question, in light of the government's notice that it will be calling as a witness a former client of this Judge, which is the first notice that the Court has had of a potential ground for his disqualification. [Doc. 63]. Given that close questions should generally be decided in favor of recusal, this District Judge hereby **DISQUALIFIES** himself from any subsequent proceedings in this case. *See United States v. Dandy*, 998 F. 2d 1344, 1349 (6th Cir. 1993).

The Clerk is **DIRECTED** to provide the Chief Judge of this District with a copy of this order for reassignment of this case.

ENTER:

s/J. RONNIE GREER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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